

Appl. No.: 09/985,719
Amtd. Dated: February 9, 2004
Reply to Office Action of: November 7, 2003

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This Amendment is in response to the Non-Final Office Action of November 7, 2003.

Claims 18-19 are pending in this application after entry of the amendment.

The Examiner rejected claim 17 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Jobe. Claim 17 has been canceled by this amendment without prejudice to pursuing the subject matter thereof in a subsequent continuation application.

The Examiner also indicated that claims 18 and 19 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of claim 17. Applicant has done so with this amendment and has canceled all withdrawn claims. Applicant therefore respectfully suggests that this application is now in condition for allowance.

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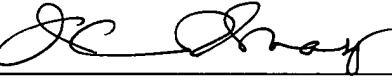
CONCLUSION

It is submitted that the present application is in form for allowance, and such action is respectfully requested. Should the Examiner have any questions, please contact the undersigned attorney.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, including petition fees and extension of time fees, to Deposit Account No. 23-2415 (Docket No. 29983.701.502)

Respectfully submitted,

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